

Rogers et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Servs., et al.

Exhibit U

**to Governor Henry McMaster's and Michael Leach's Motion for Summary Judgment and
Memorandum in Support Thereof**

E-Mail (May 1, 2019)

From: ccook@lambdalegal.org <ccook@lambdalegal.org>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Katherine Janson <kjanson@cravath.com>
Cc: Serena Candelaria <scandelaria@cravath.com>; Peter Barbur <PBarbur@cravath.com>; kloewy@lambdalegal.org
Subject: FW: Foster Parent Inquiry

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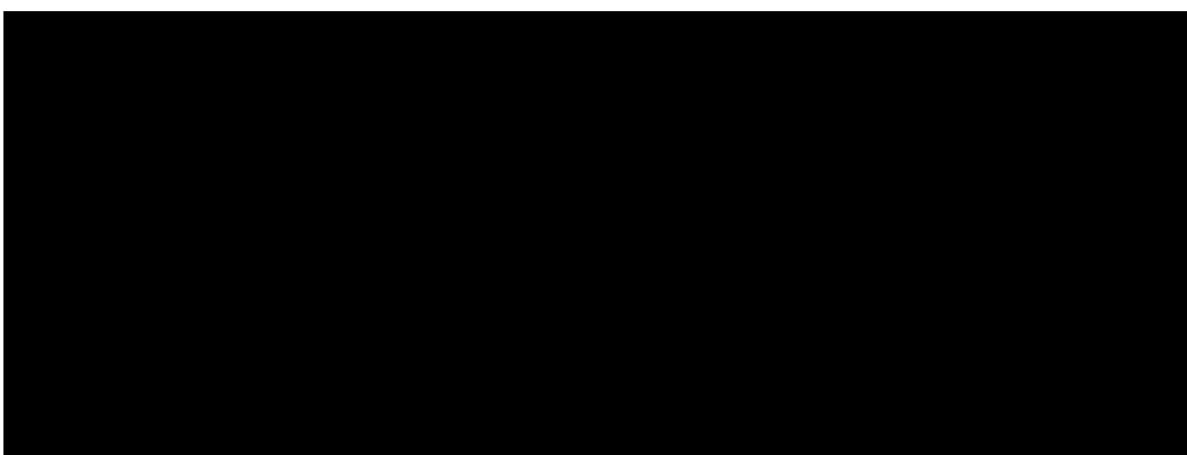


From: Brandy Welch <jackrose278@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Currey Cook <CCook@lambdalegal.org>
Subject: Fwd: Foster Parent Inquiry



Begin forwarded message:

From: Currey Cook <CCook@lambdalegal.org>
Date: May 6, 2019 at 3:29:47 PM EDT
To: Brandy Welch <jackrose278@gmail.com>
Cc: Eden  <edenalicia@gmail.com>, "lcooper@aclu.org" <lcooper@aclu.org>, Susan Dunn <sdunn@aclusc.org>
Subject: RE: Foster Parent Inquiry



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From: Brandy Welch <jackrose278@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 8:05 AM
To: Currey Cook <ccook@lambdalegal.org>
Cc: Eden ❤ <edenalicia@gmail.com>; lcooper@aclu.org; Susan Dunn <sdunn@aclusc.org>
Subject: Re: Foster Parent Inquiry

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From: Brandy Welch <jackrose278@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4:10:55 PM
To: Currey Cook
Cc: Eden ❤; lcooper@aclu.org; Susan Dunn
Subject: Re: Foster Parent Inquiry

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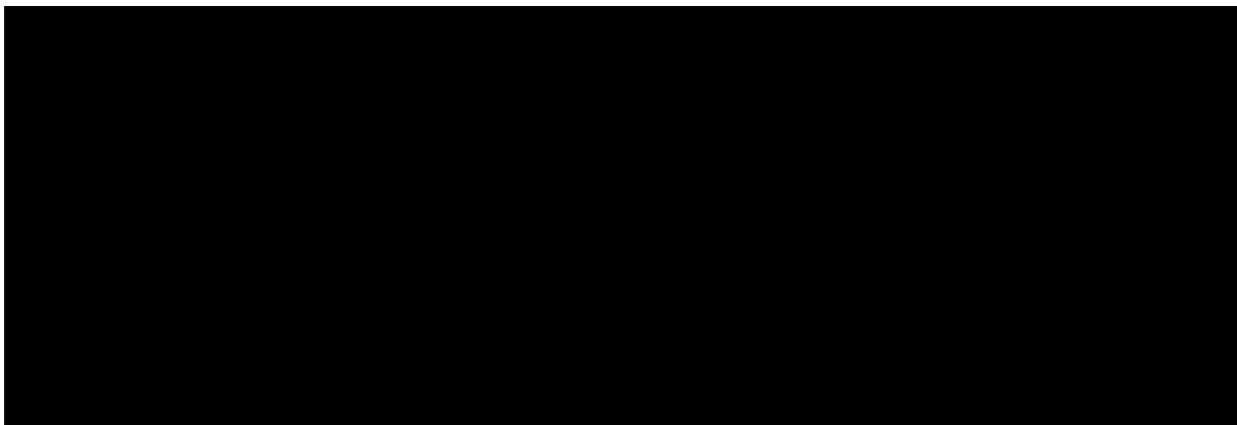
On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 4:05 PM Currey Cook <ccook@lambdalegal.org> wrote:

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From: Brandy Welch [mailto:jackrose278@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Currey Cook <ccook@lambdalegal.org>; Eden ❤ <edenalicia@gmail.com>;

lcooper@aclu.org; [Susan Dunn <sdunn@aclusc.org>](mailto:sdunn@aclusc.org)

Subject: Fwd: Foster Parent Inquiry



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From: Sharon Betts <sbetts@miraclehill.org>

Date: Wed, May 1, 2019 at 2:22 PM

Subject: Foster Parent Inquiry

To: jackrose278@gmail.com <jackrose278@gmail.com>, edenalicia@gmail.com <edenalicia@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Welch and Ms. Rogers,

We appreciate your interest in foster care, and we hope we can help you find a way to serve foster children in South Carolina. As you may recall from our telephone conversation on April 11, and as stated on our website, Miracle Hill Ministries is a Christian ministry, and we view our care for needy adults and children as not only compelled by our faith, but as a part of our religious exercise. Accordingly, while we will gladly find a place for anyone to volunteer within our ministry community, we require those who hold positions of spiritual responsibility or influence—including foster parents—to share our Christian mission, motivation, and beliefs.

You stated in your inquiry that you attend the Unitarian Universalist Church and that you are in agreement with our doctrinal statement. The Unitarian Universalist Church, however, does not align with traditional Christian doctrine and thereby would not be considered a Christian church. Because we feel a religious obligation to partner with foster parents who share our beliefs and who are active in a Christian church, Miracle Hill will not be a good fit to assist you in your quest to secure state licensure to become foster parents. We can gladly refer you to the following agencies which may be able to assist you in your pursuit of a foster care license.

- Heart Felt Calling/DSS (888.828.3555)
- Thornwell Children's Home (864.938.2792)
- Bair Foundation (864.281.0058)
- SAFY (864.250.1601)
- Connie Maxwell Home for Children (864.942.1400)
- Mentor (864.233.9727)
- SC Youth Advocate Program (864.676.0210)
- Growing Homes of Southeast (800.344.5498)
- Lutheran Family Services (843.694.5359)

Finally, as noted above, there are many volunteer opportunities at Miracle Hill for which we gladly welcome any volunteers who wish to assist us in providing tangible service to the needy in our community. Should you be interested in learning more, you may look at the volunteer opportunities on our website (www.miraclehill.org).



Sharon M. Betts

Foster Care Licensing Supervisor | Foster Care

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